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SUBJECT: DPC - MULTILATERAL/BILATERAL SCHEDULING

REF: STATE 118528 (DTG: 100004Z MAY 78)

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1. MULTILATERAL ON THE DUTCH BRIGADE: IN THE COURSE OF  
SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND BARKMAN,  
THE DUTCH:

. -- REGRETTED THE SECRETARY'S INABILITY TO MAKE THE  
17TH DATE;

. -- FIRMLY STATED THAT SCHOLTEN WOULD BE OCCUPIED WITH  
OTHER MATTERS FROM 0845 UNTIL 0930, WITH THERE BEING  
INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR A MULTILATERAL PRIOR TO 0845;

. -- NOTED THAT MOD SCHOLTEN WOULD THEREFORE ENDEAVOR  
TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIS EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES ON THE  
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FRINGES OF THE EUROGROUP DINNER ON THE 17TH;

. -- URGED THAT SCHOLTEN AND THE SECRETARY GET  
TOGETHER BILATERALLY LATER ON THE 18TH, BOTH TO GET  
ACQUAINTED AND TO SCHEDULE A MULTILATERAL IF MUTUALLY  
AGREED AT THAT TIME. THEY SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE,  
SCHOLTEN WOULD PREFER TO PAY A BILATERAL CALL ON THE

SECRETARY PRIOR TO ANY MULTILATERAL. BARKMAN TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SCHOLTEN WAS PERFECTLY WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTILATERAL, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO BE FRANK AND SAY DUTCH WERE NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO COME TO DECISION ON DUTCH BRIGADE. SCHOLTEN WAS NEW IN HIS JOB AND NEEDED MORE TIME TO WORK ON THE MATTER IN HIS OWN GOVERNMENT.

2. WE INTEND TO PROPOSE THAT SCHOLTEN'S BILATERAL CALL ON THE SECRETARY MIGHT TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 0830 AND 0845, CALLING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT AN EARLY GET-TOGETHER WOULD ALLOW THEM MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHEDULING A MULTILATERAL LATER IN THE DAY, IF DESIRED. WE WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT ONE LIKELY POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE FOLLOWING THE BUFFET LUNCHEON, JUST PRIOR TO RECONVENING FOR THE AFTERNOON DPC SESSION.

3. NOTE THAT WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT THE LTDP AGENDA ITEM COVERING THE DUTCH BRIGADE WILL BE REACHED BEFORE LUNCH. THEREFORE, SHOULD THE DUTCH AGREE TO SCHEDULING THEIR MULTILATERAL FOLLOWING LUNCH, WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST ASKING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF THIS PARTICULAR ITEM UNTIL AFTER THE MULTILATERAL CAN BE HELD. WE ARE PROVIDING FURTHER COMMENTS AND TACTICAL SUGGESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN A SEPTEL COVERING THIS AND SEVERAL OTHER UNRESOLVED ISSUES.  
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4. PROPOSED BILATERAL WITH MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS: PER GUIDANCE IN REFTEL WE HAVE PROPOSED A BILATERAL BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS FOR ADJOURNMENT PLUS TEN MINUTES (APPROXIMATELY 1730 - 1740) ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY. WE ARE AWAITING THE BELGIAN RESPONSE.

5. THE SECRETARY'S TRADITIONAL CALL ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT 0915, JUST PRIOR TO THE OPENING SESSION, HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY COORDINATED WITH LUNS' OFFICE.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO PREPARING THE ABOVE, THE FRG DELEGATION CONTACTED US TO SAY THAT MOD APEL WAS REQUESTING A BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY ON THE 18TH BEFORE THE DPC, IF POSSIBLE. IF OUR PRECEDING SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS ARE ACCEPTED, THEN THE APEL BILATERAL COULD BE SCHEDULED AT 0845 ON THE 18TH.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. BENNETT

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